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MEN TEACHERS.

Recently there has been much discussion in educational circles of the need of men teachers in the higher grades, and some effort has been made to attract them to the work, without any appreciable results. There must be something about the calling of the teacher—either its pecuniary rewards or its range of opportunities—that is inadequate to attract and hold men who might take up this calling as a life work. The average man teacher uses his position as a makeshift, a stepping-stone and means of livelihood while he studies for the law, the medicine or some other profession, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Usually the man teacher leaves at the earliest opportunity for more flattering and lucrative fields of endeavor. It would seem that teaching would be the most enjoyable work for the student of books and of human nature, but the fact remains that men as a rule do not so regard it. It must be admitted that the profession of teaching does not hold the financial attractions of men that are offered in other professions. The years of preparation required, the constant study necessary, the investment in books and other expenses make a severe drain on the teacher's income, which is small at best. If it be true that there is a real demand for more men teachers, the chances are that the demand will be supplied when the compensation is made commensurate with the services rendered.

The statistics of the fire department of New York show that at least 25 per cent of the fires in that city are caused by the careless use of matches and of lighted cigars and cigarettes. Is it not time that this awful risk to others by careless smokers should be taken account of by the law? It is not a trivial matter. The tossing aside of lighted matches and cigar butts without seeing where they land should be as much of a penal offense as bomb-throwing or incendiarism. A careless cigarette, as far as known, caused the great fire in Baltimore, one of the biggest in the world's history and wholly preventable. A careless match caused the recent fire in New York, with its loss of valuable life and much loss of property—also wholly preventable. The careless user of a spark of fire is an enemy of the public welfare and ought to be treated as such. We are as yet primitive in our outlook upon vital facts.

A very pleasant prediction has been made by a college sociologist that the United States is due for war in 1930 and that this nation will be in the wrong, as probably by reason of its wealth and importance, it will have become an international bully. He bases this assertion on the evidence of history. But to offset this are the facts that the direct rule of the people is becoming more and more the national ideal of government, and that with the people as a whole vitally in control, the peace sentiment will be stronger than ever. It is upon the masses, not the classes, that the horrors of war chiefly fall, and the element of self-interest will then be more engaged in the preservation of peace than ever before in the history of the world. In the meantime, potential academic wars need not seriously affect the national peace of mind.

Professor von Wasserman has informed the Berlin Medical Society of amazingly successful experience in treating cancerous ulcers in mice with injections of a preparation containing eosin, tellurium and selenium. He says that after the fourth injection ulcerous affections almost entirely disappeared, and at the end of ten days some of the animals were entirely cured. But he is not certain, he says, that similar results would be attainable in the case of human beings.

A Harvard professor says that divorce is symptomatic of a disease which he calls Americanitis and has something to do with nerves. He is probably right, for there is never a divorce unless one party gets on the nerves of the other.

It, as a French physician charges, a man can get rid of his superfluous flesh by eating five liberal meals per day, are we to infer that an emaciated person can make himself fat by starving?

TO TALK DAIRYING TO FARMERS

MISSOURI COMMISSIONER ARRANGES FOR LECTURE TRAIN.

All Towns Along Line of Burlington in Northern Part of State to be Visited.

Columbia, Missouri.—Dr. W. P. Cutler has arranged with the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad for a special dairy, poultry and good roads train to leave St. Louis March 5 and spend the week along the northern line of that road through Missouri.

In order that the farmers shall miss no time from their spring plowing, Dr. Cutler has arranged to have the telephone exchange in the cities through which the train will pass notify the farmers five hours before the train is to arrive.

The lecturers on the trip will include Dr. W. P. Cutler, dairy commissioner; E. A. Ikenberry, dairy inspector; Thomas Quisenberry, director of the poultry experiment station at Mountain Grove; R. C. Lawry, director of the Yesterlaid Poultry Farm at Pacific, Mo.; Dr. William E. Taylor, soil culturist; Curtis Hill, state highway engineer.

At the request of the Hannibal Commercial club the night sessions, of which there will be four, will be divided with the promoters of the northern cross state highway. Sidney Roy, secretary of the Hannibal club, will meet the special train at Palmyra with a delegation of boosters. The next day while the dairy and poultry lecturers are busy with the day stops the good roads men will go ahead to the next night stop and arrange for the meeting. These joint meetings are to be held at Palmyra, Brookfield, Cameron and Maryville.

The special train will leave St. Louis at 8 o'clock the morning of March 5. Stops will be made at every town of consequence between St. Louis and St. Joseph.

FARMERS TO LEARN OF DRAINAGE

Kansas Agricultural College Arranges to Run Special Train for Instruction.

Manhattan, Kansas.—The increased crops for two seasons would pay for drainage tile needed to reclaim thousands of acres along the Neosho river, upland as well as lowland.

To help these farmers and to make every acre in that part of the state produce its highest yield, the Kansas agricultural college will send out a special train, March 5, with men well qualified to give the proper, helpful suggestions. This will be called the drainage and good roads train. It will leave Junction City Tuesday morning, March 5, over the Missouri, Kansas & Texas and will complete its itinerary at Paola Saturday afternoon.

HEARSE STUCK IN SNOWDRIFT

Funeral Party Compelled to Abandon Body on Road and Leave it Over Night.

Salina, Kansas.—A funeral party that had gone from this city in the afternoon accompanying the body of J. J. Cline, from Culver to Highland cemetery, two miles east of New Cambria, became stuck in a snow drift a mile from the cemetery and the hearse was almost out of sight. The team was taken from the hearse and members of the funeral party scattered to the neighboring farmhouses where they stayed all night. The body was not taken from the hearse.

Iola Cement Plant to Open.

Iola, Kansas.—The Iola Portland Cement company has announced it will resume operation at capacity March 1. About 500 men will return to work. The plant was closed three weeks ago.

GIRL FROM WICHITA MISSING

Visitor From Independence Mysteriously Disappears Soon After Arrival.

Wichita, Kansas.—Dolly Frutz, 20 years old, of Independence, Kan., came to Wichita last Wednesday to visit her sister, Mrs. Edmons. She asked Fred Wheeler, a clerk in a grocery, the way to her sister's house and going there found no one at home. She returned to the store and said she would go back to the depot for her satchel. Since that time she has not been heard from. Miss Frutz is described as being a brunette and very pretty.

Killed by a Sornambulist?

Guyman, Ok.—That he might have shot Louis Bowman, but he was asleep if he did so, was the statement made by Fred Miller to the police. Miller, who is being held in a somnambulist and persons who know him say that an absolute lapse of memory in connection with his somnambulist actions is nothing unusual with him.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI

Kansas City Theaters.

"It Happened in Potsdam" is the title of the new song-adorned comedy which will be presented at the Grand Opera House during the week of March 3rd, by Al. H. Wilson and company of players. In keeping with the character of the piece, there are some fine stage settings and handsome costumes provided by Manager Sidney R. Ellis. The new songs rendered by Mr. Wilson during the performance were written and composed especially for this production.

The French Grand Opera Company of New Orleans will be at the Shubert during the week beginning Sunday, March 3. This fine company under the direction of Mr. Jules Layolle, will sing a repertoire including Il Trovatore, La Boheme, Lakme, Faust, Madame Butterfly, Manon, Thais, Lucia and La Tosca. The company includes a complete orchestra, chorus and corps de ballet.

Special Train for Grocers.

Frisco officials are arranging a schedule for a special train in April which will carry between 75 and 100 members of the National Retail Grocers' association over the Frisco lines. The train will run from St. Louis to Texas and will return via points in Oklahoma. It will consist of two baggage cars, four tourist sleepers and a diner. The party will be on the road two weeks.

Weds on Sick Bed.

Oscar Ingraham of Globe, Ariz., and Miss Suela Virginia McCanne of Moberly, were married and left immediately afterward for St. Louis where the bride will undergo a serious operation. The ceremony was performed with the bride propped on pillows in the bed. Mr. Ingraham is a business associate of Gov. Hunt of Arizona, a former citizen of Moberly.

Emulated Carrie Nation.

Mrs. Harry Nolton attacked the doors of the apartments of O. D. Milan, a Springfield cafe proprietor with a big hatchet mistaking the place for rooms where she had heard a gambling game was in progress. She did not discover her mistake until she had smashed the doors into kindling wood. She has been arrested.

Lost County Seat Fight.

The Montgomery county court has ordered an election on a proposition to issue bonds for \$25,000 to build a courthouse at Danville. The city has already decided to the county a courthouse and grounds valued at \$15,000 and if this proposition carries the county will have two modern courthouses.

New Reform School Head.

The board of managers of the state training school for boys at Boonville has appointed Prof. J. D. Wilson of the Kirksville normal school as superintendent to succeed Charles C. McLaughry, who resigned December 30 to become warden of the Anamosa, Ia., reformatory.

Gas Jet Open; Guest Dead.

A. J. Hicks, whose home is thought to be at Tasker Station in Wayne county, was found dead in a room at the Ullman hotel in Springfield. He had been asphyxiated. The gas jet was found open when the hotel proprietor broke down the door. He had been dead several hours.

Township Meetings Postponed.

Only one of the three townships in Clinton county, which will control the Republican county convention to be held at Plattsburg has elected delegates. The township committeemen in Cameron and Lathrop townships have postponed their meeting until next week.

Snow Held a Fugitive.

The man who killed Roy Hodge at Tiff City was captured about two miles northeast of there by Robert Love, deputy sheriff from Anderson. It was supposed it was William Wolfenberger, who has a criminal record in Southwest Missouri, who killed him, but it proved to be a young man, Harvey Wirwick of Peona, Col., and a relative of Wolfenberger.

Peanut Vender Held to \$22,000.

George Smith, a blind peanut vender, known to all the students in the University of Missouri, received word that he had inherited \$22,000 from an aunt in San Francisco. Smith says he will use the money in trying to get his sight restored. He has lived in Columbia many years.

Missouri Loses its Navy.

The St. Louis naval reserves have lost the monitor Amphitrite, lent to the organization by the navy department for use as a training vessel. Gen. Rumbold was notified the government would take the boat to New Orleans.

OROZCO JOINED INSURGENTS

REPORTED AS LEADING FORCE OF 1,400 MEN.

Large Numbers Moving on Juarez Cause American Government Much Uneasiness.

Washington, D. C.—War department officials were concerned by reports from Colonel Steever in charge of the American forces patrolling the Mexican border, confirming press dispatches that large forces of the rebels were moving on Juarez, opposite El Paso, Texas.

The advices stated that General Orozco was leading one of these forces with 1,400 men.

Officials of both the State and War department consider recent developments in northern Mexico as ominous and are watching closely every move of the government and the various rebel forces. From Casas Grandes a rumor has come of a serious state of affairs, with a large rebel force massing there.

The rumored movements of General Orozco are attracting much attention.

Chihuahua continues a hotbed of rebellion. A few parts of the republic are quiet, but others continue to furnish a basis for the deep concern felt here. All the women and children living at Velardena and Asarco, where the American Smelting and Refining Company is, are reported to have left the vicinity. Disturbances are reported in Orizaba and Jalapa and Soledad in the state of Vera Cruz.

American troops are prepared to cross the border at various points the next time this country has anything to do with the Mexican situation.

HOUSTON FIRE COST 5 MILLIONS

Careful Rechecking Shows Heaviest Loss on Baled Cotton and Compresses.

Houston, Texas.—A careful rechecking of losses in the great fire which swept this city, and for a time threatened to destroy the entire town, places the total loss in excess of \$5,000,000. The heaviest losses include 53,900 bales of cotton, two compresses and a cotton warehouse. The compresses are the Standard and the Cleveland, and the warehouse that of the McFadden Agency. Besides those the properties destroyed included 11 industrial plants, one church, one school, eight brick business buildings, 119 residences and 124 box and tank cars.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERS TO MEET

Letters Indicate Large Attendance at Annual Session of Missouri Body at Kansas City.

Columbia, Missouri.—The 64 county highway engineers in Missouri and the judges of every county court in the state have been invited by Curtis Hill, state highway engineer, to attend the fifth annual session of the County Highway Engineers' association at Kansas City March 13 and 14. There is a widespread interest over the state in concrete road making and concrete bridges, says Mr. Hill. Answers to the letters being sent out indicate that a large number of the counties having highway engineers will be represented at the meeting.

TO ILLUSTRATE INDIAN LIFE

Nebraska State Historical Society to Have a Remarkable Exhibit at Kansas City Land Show.

Kansas City, Missouri.—One of the most interesting and instructive exhibits to be at the big land show in Convention hall in this city from February 25 to March 9, is the remarkable display of the Nebraska State Historical society. A model Indian village is shown depicting Indian life as it was before the advent of the white man. The exhibit is in charge of Prof. Gilmore, who will deliver illustrated lectures during the continuance of the show.

Will Not Gag the Press.

The City of Mexico.—No attempt will be made by the government to interfere with the rights of the press. This decision was reached at a cabinet meeting as the result of a protest which followed a tentative proposal made several days ago to hold the newspapers in check.

Teachers to Topeka.

Topeka, Kan.—The executive committee of the Kansas State Teachers' association met here and decided that the next annual meeting of the association should be held in Topeka November 7, 8 and 9.

Heads Kansas Masons.

Topeka, Kansas.—The grand lodge of Kansas Masons closed its annual session here after electing W. E. Hutchinson, of Garden City, grand master.

He Was Shown in Missouri.

"An Englishman who recently arrived in this country went out into Marion county to visit some of the Lord Scully lands, and while wandering about ran onto a small white skunk," says Tom O'Neal. "Afterwards, on making inquiry as to what kind of animal it was and the name of it, he was told that it was a polecat. After he had changed his clothes he sat down and wrote to his family back in England as follows:

"I have been out looking over the country today, and in travelling about I met with an American cat, a beautiful little creature, but I think it had the most offensive breath, don't you know, of any animal I ever saw in my life."

—Kansas City Journal.

Back in Good Old Bowl Days.

A man of apparent means brought two boys into a barber shop for a haircut. While waiting for the completion of the job he said:

"I never sat in a barber's chair when I was a kid. My brother used to go over to the engine house and borrow the horse clippers. Then my mother would put a bowl on my head and cut around it. Until I was 12 years old I always looked like a window washer's brush."

Strength in Calmness.

The calm man, having learned how to adapt himself to others; and they, in turn, reverence his spiritual strength, and feel that they can learn of him and rely upon him. The more tranquil a man becomes, the greater is his success, his influence, his power for good. Even the ordinary trader will find his business prosperity increases as he develops a greater self-control and equanimity, for people will always prefer to deal with a man whose demeanor is strongly equable.—James Allen.

Insult to Injury.

"How dare you throw that snowball at me like that?"

"I didn't, sir. I threw it at that funny old woman who's wiv yer!"—London Opinion.

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